

# Who should get inactivated influenza vaccine (the “flu shot”) early?

For Use Only Before  
October 24, 2005

Patient screening for clinics that are providing *inactivated* influenza vaccine during September and October

**People at highest risk of serious illness or death from influenza should get inactivated influenza vaccine (a “flu shot”) early, if possible. Complete this form to see if you or your child should get a “flu shot” before October 24, 2005.**

## ADULTS 19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER—answer these questions

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Are you 65 years of age or older?
- ☐ ☐ Do you have a long-term health problem such as: heart disease; kidney disease; lung diseases like asthma; metabolic diseases like diabetes; blood disorders like anemia; a weakened immune system caused, for example, by cancer or cancer treatment, HIV/AIDS, or steroid therapy; or certain conditions such as neuromuscular disorders that can cause breathing problems?
- ☐ ☐ Are you pregnant?
- ☐ ☐ Do you live in a nursing home or long-term-care facility?
- ☐ ☐ Are you a healthcare worker involved in direct, hands-on, face-to-face patient care?
- ☐ ☐ Do you live with or care for one or more children less than 6 months of age?

**If you checked “YES” to ANY of the questions in this section, you SHOULD get a “flu shot” now.**

## PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF A CHILD OR ADOLESCENT 6 MONTHS–18 YEARS OLD—answer these questions

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Is your child 6 to 23 months of age?
- ☐ ☐ Does your child or adolescent 2 years of age or older have a long-term health problem such as: heart disease; kidney disease; lung diseases like asthma; metabolic diseases like diabetes; blood disorders like anemia; a weakened immune system caused, for example, by cancer or cancer treatment, HIV/AIDS, or steroid therapy; certain conditions such as neuromuscular disorders that can cause breathing problems; or is he/she taking aspirin on a long-term basis?
- ☐ ☐ Is your child or adolescent 2 years of age or older and living with one or more children less than 6 months of age?

**If you checked “YES” to ANY of the questions in this section, your child SHOULD get a “flu shot” now.**

## ADULTS AND PARENTS—answer these questions

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Are you 64 years of age or younger and in good health?
- ☐ ☐ Is your child 2 years of age or older and in good health?

**If you checked “YES” to EITHER of the questions in this section, you and/or your child SHOULD NOT get a “flu shot” at this time. You are asked to wait until October 24, 2005 or later.**

**Persons between the ages of 5 and 49 and in good health CAN receive the nasal-spray vaccine (FluMist®) now.**

For more information, ask your healthcare provider or call  
**800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)**  
Website [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)



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